

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
Minutes of July 8, 2015**

- I. **ROLL CALL.** Chair John Quinn III, Select Board members Lynn Doney, Matthew Gadbois, Kenneth W. Goslant, and K. David Maxwell. Also present were Town Manager Jeff Schulz, Financial Director Laurie Baroffio, and Arlington Supplee (Board of Listers).

Chair Quinn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- II. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Scheduled):** None.

III. **DISCUSSION**

a. **Approval of 2015/2016 Town Tax Rates (Homestead & Non-Residential).**

Manager Schulz stated the Town received the education tax rate information from the State of Vermont and Staff has prepared draft tax rates for the Board's review and approval. The proposed residential homestead rate is \$2.3015, and consists of a Town general rate of \$0.8421, an education rate of \$1.4523, and a local agreement rate of \$0.0077. The proposed nonresidential rate is \$2.3805, and consists of the Town general rate of \$0.8421, a non-residential education rate of \$1.5313, and the local agreement rate of \$0.0077. This rate is also based upon a grand list of \$3,193,651, and a tax levy of \$2,689,520. The grand list is up 18% from last year

Selectman Gadbois asked about the local agreement rate. Finance Director Baroffio stated that it consists of the Veterans exemptions and the agreement with the Masonic Temple. The Select Board discussed the tax rates and concluded that the Board had developed a responsible budget and tax rate and that they should approve the rates.

Motion by Selectman Maxwell, seconded by Selectman Gadbois, to approve the FY 2015-2016 Homestead Tax Rate in the amount of \$2.3015. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

Motion by Selectman Maxwell, seconded by Selectman Gadbois, to approve the FY 2015-2016 Non-Residential Tax Rate in the amount of \$2.3805. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

b. **Approval of Findings Document for Baroffio's Garage Application to for an Approved Salvage Yard Location.**

Manager Schulz stated that the Select Board held a public hearing on June 23, 2015 on the application by Jack and Thelma Baroffios for a certificate of location for a salvage yard on Houston Street. The Board preliminarily approved the application and directed the Town Manager to prepare approval findings. Manager Schulz presented the findings.

Motion by Selectman Goslant, seconded by Selectman Maxwell, to approve and sign the Findings Document related to the application from Baroffio's Garage to become an Approved Salvage Yard Location. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

- IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Unscheduled).** There was none.

- V. **ADJOURNMENT.** Motion by Selectman Gadbois, seconded by Selectman Doney, to adjourn. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Schulz

Jeff Schulz, Acting Clerk

These minutes were approved at the regular Select Board meeting of July 14, 2015.